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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, SU

SUBJECT:ALI-FOREMAN FIGHT IN KHARTOUM

REF: KHARTOUM 0024

1) A CHECK WITH HIS OFFICE REVEALED THAT TRI-WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND TRADING CORPORATION IS A LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF MUHAMMED ALI AND IS AUTHORIZED TO ARRANGE HEAVY-WEIGHT TITLE MATCH IN KHARTOUM. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO DEPT. OF COMMERCE, TRI-WORLD IS PRESENTLY UNDER DEPT. OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION FOR A SERIES OF IRREGULARITIES. ON REQUEST OF CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, COMMERCE ALSO UNDERTOOK AN INVESTIGATION OF DARWIN W. BOLDEN WHICH LED TO NON-RENEWAL OF HIS CONTRACT WITH OFFICE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (OMBE). OMBE WAS PRESUMABLY BOLDEN'S SINGLE SOURCE OF FINANCING AND HE IS NOW SEEKING FUNDS FROM A VARIETY OF CORPORATIONS. HE ALSO HAS REPORTEDLY MADE UNAUGHORIZED USE OF THE NAMES OF SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2) REQUEST THAT EMBASSY BE GUIDED BY ABOVE IN ITS HANDLING
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OF SUDANESE REQUESTS FOR COOPERATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR

TITLE MATCH. SINCE BOLDEN DOES APPEAR TO BE A LEGITIMATE
REPRESENTATIVE OF MUHAMMED ALI, IT PROBABLY BEST TO LET
SUDANESE DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HIM. KISSINGER

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